QUESTION FOR ANSWER ON THE DAY.

(But not taken up).

Upset price for Darkhast Lands.

Q.—171. Sri H. K. SIDDAIYA (Belur—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that according to recent Government Order an upset price of Rs. 50 per acre has been fixed in the case of lands disposed of by darkhast;

(*b*) the extent of land granted throughout the State since the above order came into effect;

(*c*) the income derived by Government from this;

(*d*) whether this subject did not come up for discussion at the last budget session;

(*e*) whether they had not given an assurance that the matter would be examined shortly and the said order would be cancelled;

(*f*) the steps they have taken on the same?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) No.
(*b*) Does not arise.
(*c*) Does not arise.
(*d*) Yes.
(*e*) and (*f*) Government have asked the Revenue Commissioner to issue suitable instructions so that the lands are properly valued before grant.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

MISAPPROPRIATION OF MONEY IN THE STATE HUZUR TREASURY.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri J. Mohamed Imam has sent the following adjournment motion:

"That the business of this House do stand adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance and of recent occurrence, namely the misappropriation to the extent of Rupees one lakh and twenty thousand from the State Huzur Treasury."

Sri Imam, have you anything to say?

*Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—Sir, it is a definite matter. It is urgent and of recent occurrence which has happened quite recently. The amount involved is enormous. In these days of depression, it is considerable if not enormous. There is another thing that is involved here. I need not go into the merits of the question. This House should know how this amount was embezzled and under what circumstances, and whether the officers did their duty properly. It is a well-known fact that such embezzlements have been increasing of late. I think my motion satisfies all the conditions laid down for an adjournment of the House. It is definite; it is of urgent public importance and it is of recent occurrence. As such, I think I am entitled to ask for an adjournment of the House to discuss this matter.

*Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister and Leader of the House).—Sir, this same motion was made by an Hon'ble Member in the other House yesterday. Sir, I explained to that House and I do the same to this House as well that some such thing has taken place. It occurred in the process of transfer from the State Huzur Treasury to the Bank of Mysore. One officer who is called the Treasurer took leave on the 4th instant for four days or so and then he has not returned to duty. He has neither applied for extension of leave nor sent any other communication. The exact amount that is likely to be shown as missing is not yet definite. That amount, I am in a position to say, is neither enormous as my Hon'ble friend said nor is it going to be considerable.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—It is a relative term; for a poor person Rs. 100 will be enormous; for Sri K. Hanumanthaiya, Rs. 1,000 will be very insignificant.

9-30 A.M.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I am glad my Hon'ble friend thinks that I am rich. Sir, as all of us know, the authorities both the Revenue as well as Police are already investigating the case. Any discussion on the subject would, I presume, Sir, prejudice the course of investigation. I promise my Hon'ble friend that the Government has taken note of it, has been very vigilant and is going to trace and book the culprit. We will also do everything necessary to safeguard the interest of the Government and if possible to recover the amount as well. I therefore request him not to press this adjournment motion in the light of the explanation I have given. The Mover of the Adjournment Motion in the other House was pleased not to press the motion after my explanation. There is another factor, Sir. There is a short notice question put on the subject and therefore this House will have occasion to take note of this matter again. In any view of the matter, this is not the case fit to adjourn the proceedings of this House.

Sri H. K. SIVARUDRAPPA (Gundlupet - Heggadadevankote).—Is that Treasurer traced ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Member must have read about that in the morning's papers.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I do not want to embarrass the Government with further proceedings. I am only anxious about three points, namely, that the offender must be booked, the amount must be recovered at any cost and that steps should be taken to see that such things do not recur. With this object I do not press the adjournment motion.

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Mr. SPEAKER.—There is no need to give any ruling.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—BILLS.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If the Police (Amendment) Bill is taken up for discussion, the House will naturally press for another day for the discussion of the Andhra Bill. In fairness I suggest that. It is left to the Government to take it up to-day or some other day.

*Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—I have already sufficiently explained the extreme urgency of the measure. In view of the fact that it is a recurring nuisance to the public and also causing enormous loss, I believe if the House is pleased, this may be taken up to-day. In view of the fact that we have already discussed the matter threadbare at the stage of consideration during general discussion on the Bill, I expect there may not be much discussion when we take up the Select Committee Report. Anyhow, I feel Sir, this may be given some time to-day only because my idea is to place this Bill before the Upper House for consideration tomorrow.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I realise the urgency of this Bill. But in view of the fact, namely, that the rights of the Members should not be taken away so far as the general debate relating to the Andhra Bill is concerned,—I saw yesterday that a large number of Hon'ble Members were ready and willing to take part in that debate—if a day more is allotted for the debate on Andhra Bill, this bill may be taken up to-day.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—I am sure, when the Police (Amendment) Bill is taken up for discussion, it will take the whole of today. We cannot expect how long it will take and what time it will take. I have no objection for taking up this Bill for consideration today provided another day is given for discussion of Andhra Bill.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug).—We see the urgency of the Bill and that the Home Minister wants to move it and get it passed

through this House. We have no objection to that. But the Andhra Bill is as important as any other business and I must say it is very important. It was for that specific purpose this session has been called and so, it is necessary that all the Members should have freedom of speech and should have every opportunity to speak on this Bill. I therefore suggest that at least two more days should be set apart for general discussion of this Andhra Bill and there should not be any time-limit for speakers to speak on the Andhra Bill.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Anyhow, after this Bill is taken up, the Chair may be pleased to see the time at our disposal and then consider what should be done.

MYSORE POLICE (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL, 1953.

Motion to consider. (continued).

Mr. SPEAKER.—There are some amendments.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Sri Rama Rao has tabled certain amendments. I do not know what the Hon'ble Member desires to do.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Tumkur).— I entirely agree with the Home Minister that this amendment is very urgent and necessary, as he is trying to amend the law in conformity with the judgment of the High Court. But with great hesitation I must say that the most important point that I happened to raise the other day has not been dealt within the report of the Select Committee and I am sure it must have happened because they were also hard-pressed for time and I myself did not have sufficient time to put my own points in concrete shape in the form of an amendment so as to assist the Select Committee to consider the points that I had raised. It was my desire to enable the Select Committee to examine the points I have raised by putting them in that concrete form, but by the time I was able to get all the Acts necessary for the purpose and do the thing, I found that the Select Committee has finished its labours. Therefore, Sir, I was compelled to put my amendments in the hands of the Secretary of the Legislature. I am sure, Sir, that if the Home Minister has no objection and examines the amendment, if I may say so, objectively, he will probably not find any reason to object to any part of it. In that view, I would suggest that the Home Minister as well as the Hon'ble Members of the Select Committee may peruse the amendment suggested by me in the light of the observations made in the Judgment of the High Court and then proceed to the consideration of this Bill to-day if necessary. In fact I am not objecting....

Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Channagiri).—Does he want the Select Committee to sit again and consider his amendments?

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY (Mysore City South).—I raise a point of order. I would like to know if Sri Rama Rao is going to move his amendment.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—I intend moving my amendment. There will be no doubt about that.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—I would like to raise a point of order.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Simultaneously there cannot be two points of order! (*Laughter.*)

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—My friend Sri Rama Rao has moved certain amendments....

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—I have not yet moved them.

Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY.—I have in my hand certain amendments that have been tabled by Sri M. V. Rama Rao. Anyhow it is for the Hon'ble Speaker to see whether this amendment will come within rule 70 of the Rules of Procedure. Under Rule 70, when the report of the Select Committee is before the House, the only amendment that can be moved at this stage is that the Bill